

Harpswell Conservation Commission

Minutes for February 17, 2009 Regular meeting

Harpswell Heritage Land Trust, 153 Harpswell Neck Road, Harpswell, Maine 04079

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Maryann Nahf at 3:45 PM.

Members present: Maryann Nahf (chair), Anne Perry, Tony Barrett, Burr Taylor, Don Jones

Also present: Carol Tukey (Town Planner)

Absent: Ann Nemrow, Deirdre Strachan.

Minutes of the February 10, 2009 meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Open Space Plan

- a. **Clarification and edits to OSP (non-substantive).** Maryann with help from others will make non-substantive changes. These may be made up until the vote takes place, to accommodate valid points from landowners. On the Website: FA Map won't open in full; Appendix 23B needs work: Don moved, Tony second that NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES MAY BE MADE IN THE OSP UNTIL THE TOWN MEETING. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. **Focus area property owners update.** Carol reported that the letters and calls are eliciting many responses. The landowner who denied there were endangered species on his property was correct. Focus area #3 is listed because it has significant waterfowl and wading bird habitat. All the FA's were chosen for concentration of valued natural resources. He was also pleased to know that OSP is part of a wider town study that includes the Water and Septic and the Build-out studies. The three studies will help the CPIC and eventually the Planning Board to know where development should or should not take place (village/rural).
 - c. **TV Schedule.** Friday, February 27? There will be no call-in. The format will be Q&A "fireside chat". Program to be repeated 3-4 times before TM. Several additions were made to the question/answer sheet. Do you want to preserve the whole FA? Ideally, but encourage ecologically sensitive development. Discuss types of protection.
2. **Publicity- Town Meeting Table.** Use 3-fold flyer? Poster was favored over slide show format. Burr: pictures should emphasize water resource, marine economy. Anne will update the Adopt-a-road display. Tony: use chart of developed/undeveloped/protected land?? Set-up is Friday before TM.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tony: the developer of Hamilton Place is open to the space idea but concerned he would have to change his plans. Carol: he would not have to change the lot sizes to accommodate the plan.
2. There will be no HCC workshop on February 24. March meeting are below.

Adjourned 5:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Perry, Secretary.

Regular March meeting: 3/17. Workshops: 3/3 and 3/10. All at 3:00 pm.

Other scheduled items:

Thursday, 2/19: Harpswell Business Association meeting presentation. At Harpswell Inn.

Tuesday, 2/24 and 2/25: Eelgrass Conference, Portland

Monday, 2/23, 5-6 PM – Vernal Pool training - 1st phase indoors, Freeport. (second phase 4/19, 3-5 PM).